

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 9, as follows:

The instant patent document is a continuation-in-part patent application of U.S. Patent Application serial number ~~09/XXX,XXX~~ 09/718,097 filed on November 22, 2000, which application is entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING TRANSACTION PROCESSING AND DISPOSITION WITHIN AN ACCESS CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT VIA A GLOBAL NETWORK SUCH AS THE INTERNET," and is pending before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and is hereby incorporated by reference.